

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:18-cv-383-MOC
(3:13-cr-280-MOC-DSC-1)**

STEVE HALE,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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vs.)	ORDER
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Respondent.)	
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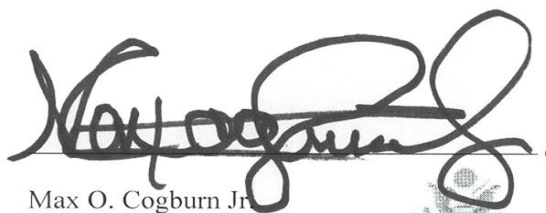
THIS MATTER is before the Court on Petitioner’s “Informal Brief for Issuance of a Certificate of Appealability,” (Doc. No. 18).

Petitioner filed a § 2255 Motion to Vacate in the instant case that denied on January 22, 2020. (Doc. No. 13). The Court declined to issue a certificate of appealability. (*Id.*). On appeal, the Fourth Circuit denied a certificate of appealability and dismissed Petitioner’s appeal. *United States v. Hale*, 810 F. App’x 217 (4th Cir. 2020).

The instant “Informal Brief for Issuance of a Certificate of Appealability,” was docketed in this Court as a Motion for Certificate of Appealability. (Doc. No. 18). However, a review of the Fourth Circuit’s docket indicates that it is a duplicate of Petitioner’s appellate brief. *See* (Fourth Cir. Case No. 20-6183, Doc. No. 6). Further, this Court has already denied Petitioner a certificate of appealability, (Doc. No. 13), and Petitioner has set forth no basis to reconsider the issue.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Petitioner’s “Informal Brief for Issuance of a Certificate of Appealability,” (Doc. No. 18), is **DENIED**.

Signed: August 27, 2020

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Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge